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1. AUGUST 27 SANKEI RAN FOLLOWING STORY ON FORMER STAFFDEL
MICHAEL PILLSBURY AS LEAD ITEM. ARTICLE WAS DATELINED
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 26, AND WRITTEN BY SANKEI CORRESPONDENT
YASUNERI ABE:

QUOTE: THE U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN MUSKIE,
DEMOCRAT) HAS BEEN STUDYING JAPAN'S DEFENSE POLICIES, IN
CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. BUDGET, BUT DURING THIS PROCESS,
THE DIFFERENCES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S AND THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY'S POLICIES TOWARD JAPAN ROSE TO THE SURFACE. THIS HAS
DEVELOPED EVEN INTO THE SITUATION OF REPUBLICAN PARTY-
AFFILIATED STAFF MEMBER OF THE SAID COMMITTEE DR. PILLSBURY,
WHO HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO JAPAN, THE ROK AND CHINA IN ORDER
TO STUDY THE SITUATION FIRST HAND, BEING DISMISSED AS A
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STAFF MEMBER (DATED JULY 31), AT THE STRONG REQUEST OF
AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN MANSFIELD, WHO HAS WIELDED STRONG
INFLUENCE OVER THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR MANY YEARS AS THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER. THIS HAS LED THE
SENATE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO STIFFEN ITS ATTITUDE, AND IT
SEEMS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS TAKING A SERIOUS
VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, HAS DECIDED TO HOLD AN INQUIRY

COMMITTEE MEETING TO CLARIFY THE TRUE FACTS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT JAPAN'S DEFENSE POLICIES BECAME A MAJOR POINT OF CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND IT IS BEING WATCHED WITH ATTENTION AS IT COULD EXERT HEAVY EFFECT ON THE DISCUSSIONS ON DEFENSE WITHIN JAPAN, WHICH HAVE BEEN MOUNTING RECENTLY, DEPENDING ON HOW THE SITUATION DEVELOPS. ACCORDING TO A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE, WHO IS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND DEFENSE PROBLEMS, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE INVITED DR. PILLSBURY, A RESEARCHER OF THE "RAND CORPORATION," WHICH IS ONE OF THE LEADING THINK-TANKS IN THE U.S., AND WHO IS AN AUTHORITY ON THE CHINA PROBLEM AND ON STRATEGY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, TO BECOME A STAFF MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND STARTED STUDIES ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR A BIG PERCENTAGE OF THE U.S. BUDGET, AND MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE SOVIET THREAT, WHICH IS MOUNTING DAY BY DAY, IN THE EUROPEAN AND THE ASIAN FIELDS.

DR. PILLSBURY FIRST VISITED THE VARIOUS NATO MEMBER NATIONS AND SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE. AFTER THAT, HE VISITED CHINA, JAPAN AND THE ROK FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, FROM MAY 20, AND SURVEYED THE ACTUAL SITUATION, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A LONG-RANGE STRATEGY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION. HE STAYED IN JAPAN FOR FOUR DAYS, FROM JUNE 5 TO 8. IN ADDITION TO HOLDING TALKS WITH MANY PER-
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SONS CONCERNED, THROUGH HIS OWN CONTACTS, HE ALSO HELD TALKS WITH COUNCILLOR OKAZAKI OF THE JDA (ASSIGNED TEMPORARILY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY), SYSTEMS ANALYSIS OFFICE DIRECTOR FUJII OF THE JDA'S FINANCE BUREAU, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S WEST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAU SECOND DIVISION DIRECTOR ARAFUNE (FORMER POLICY PLANNING DIVISION DIRECTOR), THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN JAPAN.

FIRST SECRETARY MACCALLUM AND SECOND SECRETARY MOHR OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN JAPAN WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THESE TALKS, AND AFTER THE TALKS, THEY IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THE CONTENTS OF THE TALKS TO AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD AND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. LATER, A TOP SECRET TELEGRAM WAS SENT BY AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THIS WAS DELIVERED TO CHAIRMAN MUSKIE THROUGH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE BENNETT (FORMER STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE).

ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD'S REQUEST, CHAIRMAN MUSKIE SOUGHT THE RESIGNATION OF DR. PILLSBURY, AND AS A RESULT, HE WAS DRIVEN INTO RESIGNATION. HOWEVER, EXPERT COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE TOM DYNE ADMITS THAT

THIS WAS A VIRTUAL "DISMISSAL."

CONCERNING THE REASONS FOR THE DISMISSAL OF DR. PILLSBURY, DYNE SAYS THAT "I CANNOT EXPLAIN THE DETAILED REASONS." HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE, IT IS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD, IN THIS TOP SECRET TELEGRAM, PROTESTED THAT (1) DR. PILLSBURY, AT HIS TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED, BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM OF "RAISING THE LEVEL" OF JAPAN'S DEFENSE BUDGET, BUT THIS COMPLICATES THE WORK OF THE AMBASSADOR IN JAPAN, (2) DR. PILLSBURY USED ANTI-SOVIET EXPRESSIONS IN HIS TALKS,

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AND THIS IS IMPROPER FOR A STAFF MEMBER OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

AGAINST THIS, THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE WHO HEARD ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM DR. PILLSBURY ARE STIFFENING THEIR ATTITUDE, SAYING: DR. PILLSBURY VISITED JAPAN TO SURVEY THE ACTUAL SITUATION. HE MAY HAVE ASKED QUESTIONS, BUT HE DID NOT DO SUCH A THING AS TO FORCE SOME SPECIFIC ASSERTIONS ON JAPAN. AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD IS MISUNDERSTANDING THE FACTS, AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS ALSO BEING MADE TO DANCE TO THE TUNE OF MIS-TAKEN INFORMATION."

CONCERNING THIS, SENATOR HAYAKAWA (REPUBLICAN) OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE GAVE A SPEECH AT THE SENATE PLENARY SESSION TOWARD THE END OF LAST MONTH AND STRONGLY DESIRED THE EARLY CLARIFICATION OF THE PILLSBURY REPORT CONCERNING "THE

U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET AND THE ROLE WHICH JAPAN SHOULD FULFILL
IN THE FUTURE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY." HE
ALSO REQUESTED THAT "THE U.S. EMBASSY IN JAPAN AND THE U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN NOT INTERFERE IN THE VERY NATURAL
PROCESS OF THE CHANGES IN THE JAPANESE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE
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AWARENESS AND IN THEIR POLICY DECISIONS." SENATOR
HAYAKAWA'S SPEECH IS BEING TAKEN AS A CRITICISM AGAINST THE
POINT THAT AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD IS "INTERFERING" IN THE
MOVES TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSE POWER, WHICH ARE RECENTLY
MOUNTING WITHIN JAPAN, AND THAT HE IS TRYING TO PUT A
BRAKE ON THESE MOVES.

THE PILLSBURY REPORT WAS COMPILED AFTER HIS VISIT TO ASIA,
AND IT IS THOUGHT TO POINT OUT THE NEED FOR JAPAN TO RAISE
ITS DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS TO OVER ONE PERCENT OF ITS GNP
AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS SELF-DEFENSE POWER. HOWEVER, ITS
PUBLICATION IS BEING SUSPENDED AT AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD'S
REQUEST, AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY SOURCES OF THE SAID
COMMITTEE, INCLUDING TOM DYNE, EVEN DENY THE EXISTENCE OF
THE REPORT, SAYING THAT "WE HAVE NOT SEEN OR HEARD ABOUT
SUCH A REPORT." HOWEVER, REPUBLICAN PARTY SOURCES SAY THAT
"THE DAY WHEN THE REPORT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WILL COME,
WITHOUT FAIL." IT SEEMS THAT WHETHER THIS REPORT WILL BE
MADE PUBLIC OR NOT WILL BECOME THE NEXT FOCAL ISSUE IN THE
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OVER JAPAN'S DEFENSE POLICIES.

U.S. EMBASSY NOT COMMENTING.

THE SANKEI SHIMBUN SOUGHT THE COMMENTS OF AMBASSADOR
MANSFIELD, THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY'S INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNICATION AGENCY ON THE EVENING OF THE 26TH, CONCERNING
THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE "DISMISSAL" OF DR. PILLSBURY, ETC.
HOWEVER, THE ICA OFFICIAL SAID THAT "IT IS OUR PRACTICE
NOT TO ISSUE COMMENTS ON THIS KIND OF REPORT FROM
WASHINGTON," AND REFUSED TO TRANSMIT THE PAPER'S REQUEST
TO THE AMBASSADOR.

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DO NOT REMEMBER THE CONTENTS OF THE TALKS: STATEMENT BY
JDA COUNCILLOR HISAHIKO OKAZAKI.

"I MET WITH MR. PILLSBURY AT THE JDA, AND I THINK THAT WAS

IN THE FIRST PART OF JUNE. HOWEVER, I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION AT ALL OF THE CONTENTS OF THE TALKS. THE ONLY IMPRESSION I CAN RECALL IS THAT HE WAS A PERSON WHO SAID SOME INTERESTING THINGS OUT OF THE ORDINARY. GENERALLY SPEAKING, I THINK THAT THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE TEND TO BE SOMEWHAT OVER-EAGER. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, MR. PILLSBURY WENT TO SEOUL, AFTER HIS VISIT TO JAPAN. HOWEVER, FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, HE WAS ORDERED TO RETURN HOME. I HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NOT OVER THE PROBLEM OF ONE PERCENT OF THE GNP FOR JAPAN'S DEFENSE-CONNECTED EXPENDITURES OR OVER THE PROBLEMS OF POLICY. UNQUOTE

2. ABOVE ARTICLE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY TO EFFECT THAT DEBATE WAS BUILDING UP ALONG PARTY LINES AS TO WHETHER OR NOT JAPAN SHOULD BE CALLED UPON TO EXPAND ITS DEFENSE EFFORT TO POINT IT COULD MANAGE ITS OWN DEFENSE IN CONVENTIONAL WAR. COMMENTARY CONCLUDED WITH SOMEWHAT STRAINED EFFORT TO RELATE PILLSBURY AFFAIR TO THIS ALLEGED CONTROVERSY.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES BY DECLINING TO COMMENT ON MATTER THAT CONCERNS LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. MANSFIELD

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